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Major Geo. F. Elliott, now in command of the marines at the Washington navy yard, will command the detachment of marines to be sent to Manila. The battalion will consist of about 350, in five companies, and will bring the force of marines at the Camen. The force will ultimately be increased, it is thought, to about 1,200 men.

Col. Pettit, commanding the 31st Regiment, at Fort Thomas, Ky., telegraphed the War Department today that his enlistments number 1,150, which is within 200 of the full quota of the regiment. He says that he will withdraw the recruiting officers Monday, and the regiment will then be organized for actual service. He thinks that in a month it will be ready for the front. It

total of 7,092.

Reports received at the War Department indicate that people do not yet understand the matter of mustering out volunteers at San Francisco. The plan adopted of mustering out at San Francisco instead of sending the regiments to the states where they were mustered into the service was for the benefit of the soldiers, as it allowed

for the benefit of the soldiers, as it allowed them to obtain travel pay, which was a considerable increase over the cost of transporting the soldiers by the War Department. Secretary Alger telegraphed General Otis the facts, showing what different regiments would receive in travel pay, and stated that the place of muster out should be left to the soldiers.

As might be expected, the soldiers chose the point which would give them the most money. It was also deemed advisable by the War Department to have recruits given a rest at San Francisco during the muster out, rather than to send them directly home upon the cars when they disembarked from the ships. There has been and will be no change in the present program, save in the case of the Pennsylvania regiment, and in this instance the people of Pittsburg have arranged to bring the regiment home in a body, paying the expenses, and the soldiers will receive their travel pay as if mustered out at San Francisco.

General Shafter has been advised how-

out at San Francisco.

General Shafter has been advised, however, that any individuals of the Pennsylvania regiment who desire to remain i San Francisco and not return on the special trains shall be allowed to do so. An attempt was made to send the Oregon regi-

ment home, but the soldiers settled that question themselves and insisted upon travel pay which was to be given to other troops Wire From Manila to Calamba. Gen. Greely, chief signal officer, has re ceived a dispatch from Major R. E. Thompson, commanding the Signal Corps in the

anchored in the stream were torn from Philippines, saying that Major Maxfield has their fastenings and either swept ashore laid a cable across Laguna de Bay from Taguig to Calamba, the last town to b captured from the insurgents. This insures ininterrupted telegraphic communication between Manila and the advanced posts of what has been the insurgent country.

Aged Couple Found Hacked to Pieces Victims of Robbers.

wife of John Pritzke was found dead today at her home in North Little Rock. The body was horribly mutilated, having been chopped to pieces with an ax.

prints what purports to be a full list of Near the body sat John Pritzke, the busfatalities in the American army in the band in a dying condition from wounds inan ax. The house had been robbed and the woman assaulted. There

is no clew to the perpetrators of the crime MESSENGER BOYS OUT AGAIN.

Entire Force Employed by Western Union in Philadelphia on Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, July 29.—The Western Union messenger boys today went on strike for the second time this week, and from all indications will remain out until the company accedes to their demands for higher wages or the boys' places are filled by others. The former strike occurred on Thursday, when about 200 stopped work. killed accidentally; 23 were drowned and 7 committeed suicide; 106 died of typhoid fever, 89 of smallpox, 47 of dysentery, 28 They wanted three cents instead of two on all messages, payment for undelivered

time Superintendent Gill induced them to return that same day and present their grievances. This they did, but toward mid-night they evidently grew impatient and about twenty-five stopped work. While de-livering messages at the newspaper offices some of the boys learned that an advertise-ment had been inserted in the papers for 200 boys. Under those circumstances strike was at once declared on again. Toall the boys in the main office went out and linemen and clerks were pres service. By noon the boys mounted on bi-cycles had visited all the branch offices, and

Statuary Commission Organizes

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 29.-The Maryland statuary commission named by Governor Lowndes has organized by electing Gen. Thomas J. Shryock chairman, and will likely visit Washington next Wednesday for the purpose of examining statues in statuary hall, and then take steps to in-

Tramp Assaults a Conductor. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., July 29.-An Erie railroad conductor, Isaac Terry, was assaulted by a tramp who was stealing a ride as the train was leaving Port Jervis today.

The tramp hit the conductor on the head with a large stone, fracturing his skull. The conductor was removed to a ho where he lies in a precarious condition The tramp escaped.

Three Drowned From Rowboat.

prevailed for two hours on Chequamagon bey last night. All three were drowned and the bodies have not yet been recovered. Mr. Ott was a resident of Chicago and was here on a visit.

WILL RETAIN TROOPS IT IS NOT BELIEVED

Fresh Outbreak of Lawlessness.

Adjutant General's Position.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 29 .- The blowing up of a Euclid Beach suburban car last night has demonstrated the fact that the danger point has not yet been passed in connection with the street car strike in

As a result of this fresh outbreak of lawessness the plan to release the military force early next week will probably be abandoned and the soldiers retained for an indefinite period.

Contrary to previous reports, it is learned that eight passengers were aboard the car wrecked last night, and that they, with the crew, escaped injury, beyond a few slight bruises, is considered almost mirac-

The explosive used was unusually powerful, the two rear wheels of the big car being broken, and the axle and other iron work badly bent and twisted. One of the track rails was also shattered. The heavy suburban line car was lifted fully two feet from the track by the explosion. The flooring was blown upward and over the top of the seats.

The authorities, as yet, have been unable to gain the slightest clue as to the identity of the perpetrators of the outrage.

Moving on Time Today.

Cars were operated on several of the more important lines of the Big Consolidated Company throughout the night, and today cars are moving on every line in the system.

Governor Bushnell has notified Adjt. Gen Axline, commanding the state troops here, that he entirely approves of his action in not allowing soldiers of the Ohio National Guard to perform special police duty. In an interview concerning the matter, Adjt. Gen. Axline is quoted as saying:

"I believe I have taken the right stand, for I have been congratulated by many prominent business men of the city. They prominent business men of the city. They say I have done just right. When martial law is proclaimed then it is time for the soldiers to perform police duty. I have given instructions that the soldiers shall not ride on the cars of the company for the purpose of protecting them. That is the duty of the police. If the police call upon an officer of a company to furnish soldiers to accompany a car to the scene of a trouble with which he is unable to cope, then a detachment of soldiers will be placed on a car. If any arrests are made the policemen must make them. The soldiers will stand by ready to assist or soldiers will stand by ready to assist or protect the policemen in performing their duty. No soldiers will perform duty on cars unless there is at least one patrol-

Gov. Bushnell's Views.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, July 29.-Gov. Bushnell said this morning he had advice from Gen. Axline which lead him to believe the backbone of the Cleveland strike broken. The length of time the militia will be kept at Cleveland will be left to the

Gov. Bushnell said: "I think the Cleveland authorities might have handled the strikers themselves if they had provided police protection. The police force was no large enough to cope with any situation nuch out of the ordinary; extra men should have been sworn in for duty during th As it is, I think the city authoritie may yet have to take this step, and in my ion it should have been done before th situation became as serious as it finally turned out to be."

TREASURE FROM ASLASKA.

Steamer St. Paul Brings Over \$700,000 in Gold Dust.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.-The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer St. Paul arrived from St. Michael this morning. She brought 248 passengers, the majority be ing returning prospectors. It was a ten days' passage from St. Michael and during the trip two passengers who had come down the Yukon, J. A. Jisher and Israel

Desrosiero, died.

The amount of treasure brought by the St. Paul cannot be definitely ascertained, but it is believed she brought \$700,000 consigned to the Alaska Commercial Company in addition to the bags of gold dust in the possession of individual passengers.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS IRRITATED.

Talk of Entente Between France and Germany the Cause.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 29.-The tendency manifested by France toward rapprochement with Germany is causing great Irritation and suspense in Russia. The newspapers here express in strong terms their great dissatisfaction and try to demenstrate that Russia and France could not admit Germany to their intimacy without prejudice to themselves, as the Franco-Russian alliance is based upon objects di-ametrically opposed to the acts of Ger-

CURRAN CARRIED DYNAMITE.

Motorman on New York Car Line Held in \$1,000 Bond.

NEW YORK, July 29 .- Francis J. Curran, formerly a motorman on the 2d avenue underground trolley line, was arraigned today in police court and held in \$1,000 ball on a charge of having dynamite in his posses sion. The detectives who arrested him alleged that Curran intended to cause an explosion on the 2d avenue trolley tracks. City Inspector of Combustibles Murray

said to the police magistrate that he had examined a stick of dynamite found or Curran. It was ready for use, being filled with fulminate of mercury, and would have exploded if a car had struck it. He said that the explosion of the dynamite con tained in the stick would have blown demolished the car and killed all on board.

SAYS GAMBLING MUST STOP.

Mayor of Havana Makes War on Aris tocratic Resorts.

HAVANA, July 29.-Mayor Lacoste has determined that gambling in Havana must stop. Hitherto only Chinese gambling houses have been raided by the police, but now the war has extended to aristocratic gambling circles. Fourteen arrests were made last night, and a large quantity of money was captured.

Four sergeants of police and fifty police men petitioned Mayor Lacoste to reinstate or failing to do his duty. The sergeants were fined \$15 each, and all the petitioners were warned that they would be discharged should they repeat their offense. A new company is working lands in Sant

Cleveland Authorities Alarmed at | The Alleged Interview With Dewey Regarding Germany.

Governor Bushnell Backs Up the State Department Officials Ridicule the Story.

THE EXPLOSION LAST NIGHT CALL FROM MR. VON MUMM

their disbelief in the statements attributed

Secretary Long said positively of the in-

tional topic as evidence of the improbability of his committing such an indiscretion now as that attributed to him.

It is said at the Navy Department that with the arrival of the Olympia in European waters, where she is within reach of the representatives of all shades of newspapers, reports of more or less sensational character may be frequently expected as to the movements, motives and language of the personnel of the famous ship.

The German minister, Mr. von Mumm, called at the State Department in the fore-

called at the State Department in the fore-noon and had a conference with Secretary Hay. It was inferred that the subjects of the Dewey interview and Samoa matters being prominent at the moment, some ref-erence, at least informally, may have been made to them.

Secretary Hay is to refuse to make any statement whatever respecting what passes between himself and a representative of a

STILL WITHOUT RESULT.

No Change in the Alaskan Boundary

There is nothing new in the Alaskan boundary controversy. This statement does not mean that negotiations have been broken off again, but simply that they have not advanced to a point where substantial progress can be recorded. Mr. Tower, the British charge, having gone to Newport, communication is not so easy between himself and Secretary Hay as has been the

ferred the United States propositions the proposition to lease Canada a port on the Lynn canal. It may be, though, that the minister's expression was rather in the

nature of a technical denial of his knowl Inquiries at the War Department for in forestall a possible Canadian coup were nquiry at the State Department failed to discover any such request. Up to this poin taking any action that might precipitate collision, and it is believed that ti State Department is determined that it will not be the first to break away from this

There are no troops sufficient in number to serve as a garrison anywhere in the neighborhood of Pyramid Harbor. The few stationed at Dyea and Skaguay are needed there, and the same is true of the garrisons at St. Michael and on the Yukon. So that, twoops are wanted, they must be sen

THOUGHT ALL WOULD RETIRE.

officially advised of the arrival in this country of Chief Justice Chambers of Samoa, and, in fact, it does not yet know that he has taken leave of absence as reported. Respecting the official's statement that he might not return to Apia as chief justice, it may be said that there was an expectation here when the Samoan commission started out that Mr. Chambers would relinquish his place in conformity with the tacitly arranged plan to make a clean sweep of all the officials at Apia of all nationalities who had in any way been involved in the troubles there. The British consul. Mr. Maxse; the German consul Herr Rose, and the chief justice, the presiand consisted of commendatory words of dent of the municipal council, have gone, and there now remains only Mr Luther Osborn, the American consul. For ome reason, he is much more acceptable to the Germans than any of the other p Circular Order Issued by Assistant sons named, and it may be that he will be the sole survivor of the official sweep. The State Department has no official ad-vices whatever from Apia respecting the

Personal Mention.

Mr. R. F. O'Donoghue and Mr. Charles Doran leave on the 1st of August for an extended tour through New England. Messrs. Chas. G. Sloan and W. Kesley Schoepf of this city are at the Greenbrier

Mr. Gerome Desio and his son, Jerome A. Desio, are now in the White mountains, Bethlehem, N. H., where they will remain in the White mountains, for several months.

Ex-Secretary Day's Health Better.

Judge Wm. R. Day, who is sojourning at Sapphire, Jackson county, N. C., is regaining health and strength. In a letter to Chief Clerk Michael of the State Department he says: "I am glad to say my health is considerably improved here, and I expect to return to Canton in the fail in good condition.

Lieut. Col. Allen Reports Delay of the American University Athletes Cheered

Contractors. port duties, \$1,048.06; tonnage tax, \$15,507; other sources, \$5.558.34; total for six commence May 15 and to be completed on or before November 1, 1899. The con-

> lows: "The merchandise in question may properly be regarded as merchandise taken from a wreck and entitled to entry by appraisement under section 2928 of the Re-

Rice, sent a cablegram to the adjutant general today, reporting the death of Private George W. Wintz of Company L. 11th Infantry, at Lares yesterday, of typhoid

tached from the bureau of yards and docks here, and ordered to San Juan naval station, P. R. Licutenant Commander R. G. Holmes has been transferred from the Baltimore to the Monocacy, and Cadet J. E. Matthews from the Charleston to Yokohama Hospital.

in the recruitment of his regiment. Will Ask for Deficiency Appropriation The forthcoming estimates of Rear Admiral Hichborn, chief constructor of the navy, will include a request for a deficiency appropriation for the repair of war ships. The current appropriation of \$3,000,000 will be exhausted before the first half of the

Czarewitch's Benefactress Thanked. ST. PETERSBURG, July 29.-It transpires that the peasant woman who assisted the czarewitch when he was dying belonged to the Protestant sect of Molokanes. The czar has commanded the Grand Duke Michael-Nicolalevitch to publicy express to the Molokan community the imperial thanks for the good feeling manifested by the woman and her co-religionists, who have also received recognition from the dowager empress dowager empress.

Train Ditched at Marray, Iowa. OMAHA, Neb., July 29.-Burlington passenger train No. 1, west bound, was ditched last night at Murray, Iowe, by a switching crew pushing some freight cars out on the main line. Engineer Gouldin's leg was broken and Conductor Singluss was seri-ously cut on the head. Only one passenger, Truman Swaine of Atton, Iowa, was in-jured, and he only slightly. The train was delayed six hours by the wrock. delayed six hours by the wreck.

Australians Meet the Sussex Team. LONDON, July 20. In the cricket match begun Thursday between the Australian and Sussex teams the Australians declared their innings closed today, with 624 runs for four wickets. Trumper had scored 300 runs and not out. The Sussex players closed their first hangs yesterday, with 414 runs, and the Australians at the close of play yesterday had scored 338 runs for two wick-

GIVEN A HEARTY SEND OFF.

as They Start for Home. SOUTHAMPTON, July 23 .- A portion of competed in the interuniversity sports at the Queen's Club, London, last Saturday sailed for home today on board the Ameriean Line steamer St. Louis. A crowd assembled at the collegians' hotel in London this morning to bid them farewell. They all sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

Hearty handshakes and drinking of ealths followed, and amid cheers from their friends and admirers, the athletes started for the Waterioo station, where they entered a special saloon car and wer carried to Southampton. A battalion of th Grenadier Guards, en route to Aldershot gave the Americans a rousing cheer as the started, in response to which Harvard-Yale boys vigorously waved their college colors.

Dr. Hultberg Talks of Recent Gold

ST. MICHAELS, July 17, via San Francisco, July 29.-Dr. Hultberg, the Swedish missionary who first found gold in Cape Nome, arrived yesterday from his claim en route to Golovin Bay, where he owns valuable claims on Ophir and Metsing creeks. Hultberg brings the information that several promising quartz properties have been found in the Nome district. while he is reticent regarding the exact lo-cation of the find and the value of the quartz, he does not disguise the fact that the ledges carry gold in large quantities.

MRS. McKINLEY GETS NEEDED REST.

Attend Church Tomorrow.

the lake shore toward Valcour Island. to attend services at the First Methodis Church, but owing to Mrs. McKinley's ill-ness it is doubtful whether he will accept the invitation. It was learned today that Vice Presiden

INSURGENTS CUT THE WIRES. Rumors of Intended Attack on City in San Domingo.

CAPE HAYTIEN, July 29.-Advices just received from the Dominican frontier say that the insurgents have cut the telegraph wires in the neighborhood of Santiago de los Caballeros and near Moca. The insurlos Caballeros and near Moca. The insur-gents in the western part of San Domingo await the arrival of Don Juan Isidore Jiminez, under whose leadership they intend to attack Santiago.

Today at Cowes.

The Temple Yacht Club, holder of the cup, defended the title with the Laurea, owned by Edward Hore. The challenging club was the Union Des Yachts Française, and Count

MARINES FOR MANILA TO DIE NEXT WEEK

Major Elliott Will Command the Four Murderers Under Death Sen-Detachment Going There.

VOLUNTEERS READY TO SAIL SEPT. 10 THERE WILL BE TWO EXECUTIONS

Rapid Progress in Organizing New Two of Them at Sing Sing and Regiments.

Ready to Sail September 10.

a month it will be ready for the front. It is stated at the War Department that the 31st Regiment, commanded by Col. Pettit; the 27th, by Col. Bell, and the 30th, by Col. Gardner, will no doubt be ready to sail for Manila on the Grant, Sherman and Sheridan about September 10.

The number of enlistments for the Philippine regiments yesterday was 456, making a total of 7.092.

Mustering Out Volunteers.

HORRIBLE CRIME AT LYTTLE ROCK.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 29.-The aged

messages, and sixty cents for night work

instead of fifty. Having made no formal demands at that as many, if not more, than on Thursday have joined the strikers. The company is delivering messages with little delay.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

vite designs. The legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the work.

ASHLAND, Wis., July 29.-A rowboat containing W. C. Ott, Mrs. and Miss Boynton was caught in the terrific gale which

tence in New York Prisons.

Two at Auburn.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 29.-The state of New York will officially kill four murderers in the week beginning July 30. This will be the largest number of murderers executed in any one week in the last five years. Two of them will be executed in the death chamber at Auburn prison and two in the death chamber at Sing Sing

The fact that the state employs but one

state electrician for executions precludes the wardens of the two prisons from following out the usual plan of having the executions early on the first week day set by the court. Warden Johnson of Sing Sing will avail himself first of the services of the executioner, and the two men in his charge will be killed by electricity some time during Monday, July 31. Warden Mead of Auburn will carry out

the sentence of the court on the two criminals in his prison on Wednesday, August 2. Warden Mead will have as a witness at his executions the warden of the state prison at Charleston, Mass., that state having just adopted the electric execution law, and the warden being anxiou how the executions are conducted. Records of the Crimes.

The official records of the men to be executed, as taken from the records of the superintendent of prisons here, are as fol-Oscar E. Rice (white) stabbed to death,

with a pocket knife, at Westfield, Chau-

tauqua county, March 25, his wife Mary, from whom he lived apart. Insanity was the defense. John Kennedy, colored, stabbed to death one John Hummings at Buffalo on October 9, 1898. The quarrel arose over a woman named Minnie Lewis, who Hummings was living with as his wife. Self-defense was

set up.
Michael McDonald, white, shot to death Stephen Titus on May 4, 1898. The tragedy occurred at Eastman's abattoir in New York city. McDonald quarreled with Titus, who was timekeeper of the plant, over money which he claimed was due him. Self-defense was claimed.

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Louis Pullerton, colored, choked to death with a handkerchief Kate Smith, a white woman with whom he lived, and of whom he was insanely jealous. The tragedy occurred at No. 327 West 39th street, New York city. Pullerton admitted his guilt prior to the arrest to his landlady.

All of the men have appealed to the higher court, and three of them have asked executive elemency, but in all cases the ap-

ecutive clemency, but in all cases the applications were denied. SEVERE STORM AT ST. MICHAEL.

Boats Carried From Anchorage and Swept Ashore or to Sen. ST. MICHAEL, July 18, per Steamer St. Paul, San Francisco, July 20.-The most severe summer wind storm seen here in many years swept over the bay yesterday from early morning until early midnight.

and dashed to pieces or sent flying sea-Fortunately no fives were lost, as the ma jority of the vessels were small steamers, built in 1897 for the Yukon rush, and which since early spring have been idle, anchored in the bay. Their owners in many instances have either gone to Cape Nome or Galon bay, giving up all hope of selling or leas-ing their vessels. The damage will amount

CASUALTIES IN PHILIPPINE WAR.

to many thousands of dollars.

Seattle Times Prints What Purports to Be Official List. SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.-The Times

Philippines up to June 2. The list was furnished by Fred F. Eitell, a representative of the Manila Freedom, who claims to have obtained it from the records of the surgeon general's office at Manila. The total number of fatalities is 736-23 officers, 699 privates and 14 civilians attached to the army. A remarkable feature of the record is found in the statement that the number of officers killed in battle is out of all proportion to the number of privates killed. On the other hand, fewer officers died from disease proportionately than privates. Out of the 21 officers dead 16 were killed in action, 2 were drowned and 5 died of disease. Of the 629 privates, 204 died of wounds received in action; 9 were

The remainder died from s. Of the 14 deaths among various diseases. civilians, 7 were from smallpox and 3 from gunshot wounds received in action. LERNER MUST STAND ALONE.

of pneumonia, 19 of malarial fever and 14

menginitis.

Germany Repudiates His Claim to Bear Island. BERLIN, July 29 .- In consequence of inouirles from the St. Petersburg chancellory, Germany has formally repudiated all intention of annexing Bear Island and has ordered the consul at Tromso to inform the traveler Lerner, who recently occupied the island with a view to revivifying the German fisheries there, that in the event of action leading to complications he must not reckon upon any support from Ger-

SENT POISON TO HERSELF.

Sensational Development in Miss SAN FRANCISCO, July 29 .- The mystery

of the sending of a basket of poisoned fruit to Miss Florence Campbell of 610 Ellis street has been solved by Chief of Police Lees. and the result shows that there was no attempt made to take life, and that no one was even made ill by the poisoned fruit. It appears that Miss Campbell sent the poison to herself in furtherance of a little plot by which she hoped to keep her name from figuring as co-respondent in a divorce suit.

According to the confession which has been made by Miss Campbell, the basket

of fruit was sent on June 29 to 610 Ellis street. It was claimed at first that Miss Campbell and Mrs. Elsie Scheib had been made ill by eating the fruit. The police learned of the case and an investigation was made by Chief Lees, who after hearing Miss Campbell's story identified her as a recent purchaser of arsenic and connected her with the basket and the purchaser of the candide fruit. Confronted with ton was caught in the terrific gale which prevailed for two hours on Chequamagon bay last night. All three were drowned and the bodies have not yet been recovered. Mr. Ott was a resident of Chicago and was here on a visit.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York—La Touraine, from Havre. chase of the candied fruit. Confronted with

AXLINE REFUSES TO DO POLICE DUTY TODAY'S TOPIC IN NAVAL CIRCLES

cles today by the appearance of a published interview with Admiral Dewey at Trieste, containing the prediction that our next war would be with Germany, and also another rather severe reflection upon German rolicy. The admiral's friends here, one and all, without hesitation promptly expressed

to the admiral.

Secretary Long said positively of the interview: "I do not believe it."
Captain Dickins, acting chief of the navigation bureau, was equally pronounced in his expression of disbellef.
The officials of the State Department, from the Secretary down, characterized the story as absurd, pointing to the unbroken record of discreet utterances by Dewey, and the admirable diplomacy heretofore exhibited by him in touching upon any international topic as evidence of the improbability of his committing such an indiscretion now

made to them.

Respecting Samoa neither the State Department nor the German embassy have any late advices, so that each side was in the attitude of looking to the other for news of the events reported in the press dispatches. As to the Dewey interview, it could not be learned whether or not it was even mentioned, for the inexorable law of Secretary Hay is to refuse to make any made to them.

foreign nation.

Situation.

Then, every proposition, no matter how slightly differing from that preceding it, as to be referred to the British foreign office. Heretofore that office in turn has reis now the state of the case, some doubt being cast upon it by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent declaration that he knew nothing of

formation respecting an alleged purpose of the United States government to rush a garrison of troops into Pyramid Harber to net with a reference to the Department of State, it being pointed out that under no circumstances would the War Department move in a matter involving such delicate diplomatic phases as this, except upon express request of the State Department, and the two governments have acted with ad-mirable prudence through their agents in the disputed territory in refraining from

An Entire Change of Officials at Apia Was Expected. The State Department has not yet been

disquieting events recorded in the press dispatches.

Mr. John Thilman Hendrick, who has been spending the past two weeks at Atlantic City, is now at Lake George, N. Y., where he will be for the remainder of the

White Sulphur Springs for a short stay.
Mr. Howard Benson Yost of 715 9th street
northeast has started for New York and
Ocean Grove by sea.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS IN PORTO RICO. For Six Months in 1899 They Amounted to \$746,742.04. The War Department has made public its

complete statement of customs trans actions with the several ports of Porto Rico for the first six months of 1899. The receipts from all sources for the six months named by the customs authorities are \$746,742.04, and are divided by ports as San Juan-Import duties, \$318,878.39; ex

months, \$341,022.59. Ponce—Import duties, \$237,131.47; export juties, \$4.951.73; tonnage tax, \$7,079.35; other sources, \$3.337.79; total, \$252,500.34. Mayaguez-Import duties \$69,049.74 ort duties, \$1,736.85; tonnage tax, \$2, other sources, \$66.07; total, \$72,942.25. Aguadilla—Import duties, \$15,675.77; port duties, \$832.93; tonnage tax, \$19 other sources, \$176.37; total, \$16,882.73. Arecibo-Import duties, \$37,127.68; expor duties, \$1,031.40; tonnage tax, \$1,134.87 other sources, \$281.26; total, \$29,605.21.

ort duties; tonnage tax, \$170.13; other ources, \$471.39; total, \$10,499.65. Fajardo-Import duties, \$2,855.58; no exoort duties; tonnage tax, \$318.08; other courses, none; total, \$3,173.66. Humacao-Import duties, \$6,195.93; no ex-

Arroyo-Import duties, \$9,858.13; no ex

port duties; tonnage tax, \$419.53; other sources, \$176.37; total, \$6,640.46.
Vieques—Import duties, \$1,129.05; no export duties; tonnage tax, \$169.56; other sources, \$2,176.54; total, \$3,475.15. Total of import duties, \$697,901.74; total of export duties, \$697,901.74; total of export duties, \$9 630.97; total tonnage tax, \$27.086.57; total from other sources, \$12,-122.76; grand total, \$746,742.04. The tonnage movement of the several ports above mentioned for the first six months of 1899 shows that 1,846 coasting vessels entered, with a gross tonnage of 104,534 tons, and that 746 foreign vessels also entered the ports of Porto Rico, with a total tonnage of 809,289 tons.

In the same period 1.741 coastwise vessels cleared, with a total tonnage of 103,806 tons, and 694 foreign vessels cleared, with total tonnage of 748,343 tons.

STANDING BY OTIS. Secretary Alger Told Him That He Had the Confidence of Administration About ten days ago Secretary Alger cabled General Otis, saying that there was some criticism of him in the American press, but assuring him that he had the entire confidence of the Secretary of War and the administration. So far as known at the War Department the only messages ent by President McKinley to General Otis were those which have been made public,

the general and the troops in the field for what they accomplished.

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REPACKING TEA SAMPLES.

Secretary Spalding. The attention of the Treasury Department has been called to the fact that instances have occurred where tea samples sent from ports of importation to ports where tea examiners are stationed for the purposes of examination under the act of March, 1897, have been packed in boxes which formerly contained matches, rubber bands, confectionery, etc., thus affecting the flavor of the tea and jeopardizing a fair and correct test of the same. With a view of correcting this practice, Assistant Secretary Spaiding of the Treasury Department has issued a circular letter of instructions to customs officers directing that hereafter all such samples

shall be packed in perfectly clean, new tin

cans, cylinderical in shape, two and one-half inches deep, three inches in diameter, of a capacity of four ounces, with tight

slip covers, properly labeled, and accom-panied in each instance with an extract from the invoice giving marks and num-

bers of packages, invoice, number, name of

consignee, name of importing vessel, date of importation, etc. The exp nse of procur-ing tin cans of this description will be paid

from the appropriation for defraying the expenses of collecting the revenue from

such failure or non-delivery to the office.

If You Miss The Stor. Subscribers who experience any difficulty in receiving The Star, caused by the carrier not ringing the door bell, will please report

The Mosquito Fleet May Soon Reduce the "Oriental Washington" to This Sad State. AQUEDUCT BRIDGE REPAIRS.

Lieut. Col. Charles J. Allen today subnitted his report to the War Department on repairs to the Aqueduct bridge across the Potomac river above Georgetown. The report states that March 27, 1899, public advertisement was made inviting proposals for repairing the pier of the Aqueduct bridge. At the opening of the proposals, on April 27, 1899, four bids were received. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, the Central Contracting Company of New York. The contract was dated May 12 and approved May 26, 1890, the work to

tractors had not, however, commenced the work by the close of the fiscal year covered by the report. Merchandise From the Paris. The Attorney General has given an opinion on the matter of the entry of merchandise taken from the wrecked steamship Paris, in which he concludes as fol-

Typhoid Fever in Porto Rico. General Davis, commanding in Porto

Naval Orders Civil Engineer C. W. Parks has been de-

Army Orders. Maj. Ogden Rafferty, 27th Volunteer Infantry, now on duty at Camp Meade, Pa., has been relieved from further duty and station at Willett's Point, N. Y. Second Lieut. Robert M. Shearer, 37th Volunteer Infantry, recently appointed, has been ordered to Cincinnati, Ohio, for duty

fiscal year.

Death of Gen. Gusman Blanco. PARIS, July 20.-General Gusman Blanco, ex-president of Venezuela, is dead.

RICH LEDGES AT CAPE NOME. Find in Alaska.

> President Receives an Invitation to PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., July 29.-Mrs. McKinley passed a restful night and continues to improve in health and spirits. The President was out early for his regular morning walk. This afternoon, if the wind is not too strong, the President and his wife propose taking a short drive down Tomorrow the President has been invited

Hobart, who is spending the summer at Long Branch, may visit the President here soon, if the Vice President's health will

LAUREA WINS FIRST RACE. Contest for the French Cup Begins COWES, July 29 .- In the first of three in ternational races for the French cup, which took place on the Solent today, the Laurea won by one minute and thirty-nine seconds. The course was twenty-four miles.

Boni de Castellane specially constructed the yacht Anna to try to rewin the trophy. July 31 and August 2.

The yachts today had a good start in a northwest breeze. The Laurea gained at the start, and gradually increased her lead. The Prince of Wales was among the spectators.

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